

Memorandum

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To: DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Construction
DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEF, Structure Construction
CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS
SENIOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS
RESIDENT ENGINEERS

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Subject: Portland Cement Specification

On January 5, 2007, the Department revised the specification requirements for portland cement with regard to limestone content. This change is shown in the first paragraph of Section 90-2.01A, "Cement," of the *Standard Specifications* in the current version of the "Amendments to Standard Specifications," which states in part:

Portland cement shall conform to the requirements in ASTM Designation:
C 150 except, using a 10 sample moving average, limestone shall not
exceed 2.5 percent.

The Division of Construction is recommending resident engineers execute a contract change order to allow the acceptance of portland cement meeting the new requirement; for all ongoing construction contracts that include work specifying the use of portland cement in conformance with Section 90, "Portland Cement Concrete," but do not include the new specification. This change should be documented by a "no cost" district or region approved contract change order.

A sample contract change order and a sample contract change order memorandum are attached for reference.

This construction policy directive (CPD) serves as authorization, from both the Division of Construction and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), for district personnel to approve contract change orders to accept portland cement that meets the new requirements as described above. This change does not require that individual contract change order transmittals be sent to the Division of Construction for review.

Send a copy of the attached FHWA blanket prior approval along with the contract change order memorandum to the Division of Construction for all federally funded projects.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this CPD, please contact Austin Perez,
Division of Construction at (916) 227-5705.

Attachments: Contract Change Order
Contract Change Order Memorandum
FHWA–Record of Blanket Prior Approval for Major Contract Change
Order